

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

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Table Marsh Wildlife Management Area, Woodbury County -- Lyle and Frances Mitchell

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for the acquisition of a parcel of land located 20 miles southeast of Sioux City in Woodbury County. This 139.92-acre parcel is offered by Lyle and Frances Mitchell for the appraised price of \$139,920. The Natural Resources Conservation Service acquired a Wetland Reserve Program easement from the sellers on August 21, 2008.

Douglas E. Helvig, Licensed Appraiser of Helvig Agricultural Service So., Sioux City, Iowa, submitted the appraisal. Jerry Gibson negotiated the purchase agreement.

The subject property is located two miles east and one mile north of Hornick, Iowa. The parcel contains 138.28 acres of cropland encumbered by a WRPE, and 1.64 acres of road right-of-way. After development there will be 82 acres of native prairie plantings; 15 acres of open water; and 41 acres of wetlands. There are no buildings. There is excellent public access from the county road on the northern boundary. The Wildlife Bureau will manage the land in compliance with the Wetland Reserve Program easement specifications.

Funding for this acquisition will be provided by the DU Missouri River I (\$91,000) (Capital Link #15) and the Wetland Restoration (\$48,920) funds (Capital Link # 7). Incidental closing costs will be the responsibility of the Department. The property will remain on the Woodbury County property tax rolls.

Attachment

Linda Hanson, Administrator
Management Services Division
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